

MINUTES

Mansfield Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

2:30 PM - Conference Room C - Audrey P. Beck Building

I. Recording Attendance: Present: K. Grunwald (staff), J. Sidney, T. Miller, W. Gibbs. Regrets: S. Thompson (staff)

II. Approval of the Minutes for the Meeting, Mar. 28, 2006: the minutes were approved as written.

III. New Business (other added by majority vote): none.

IV. Old Business

a. Discussion of programs/presentations for future meetings:

§ K. Grunwald suggested that part of the implementation of the new ADA policy could be for this group to inventory resources that the Town currently has to support this policy. Examples include sign language interpretation services, and available materials in an alternate format (e.g. large font, etc.). T. Miller suggested identifying and removing the word "handicapped" from all signage. An alternate suggestion was to use the universal symbol. The group also questioned what services are available for people with developmental disabilities. There was some discussion about the Town's emergency response plan, and the general feeling was that we should have a "practice" event scheduled.

b. "Other": K. Grunwald reported that the Town has received notification that we have received a grant from the State to support transportation for seniors and people with disabilities. The specifics of the service are still being developed.

V. Adjournment: the meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM

Next Meeting: May 23, 2006. Presentation on the progress of the Downtown Partnership project.

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Grunwald